

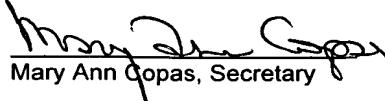
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In the Application of Herbert Gust

Ser.No.: 09/130,593

For: COMPONENT COMPRISED OF AT LEAST ONE SUPPORT MEMBER AND AT LEAST ONE PART CONNECTED THERETO AS WELL AS METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CONNECTION BETWEEN A SUPPORT MEMBER AND A PART OF SUCH COMPONENT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING CPA APPLICATION**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Advisory Action mailed June 14, 2001, the Applicant files this Preliminary Amendment with the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed concurrently herewith in the above-referenced case.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner declined to enter the Applicant's Proposed Amendment, filed June 5, 2001, after the Final Rejection of claims 1-25. As grounds for refusing to enter the Proposed Amendment, the Examiner stated that the phrase the Applicant proposed to add to the end of claim 1, if entered, would render the claims subject to a new matter rejection. The Examiner stated he did not find support for the added references to (1)